

REMARKS

Claims 10-22 are pending in the above application. By the above amendment, claims 1, 2 and 4-9 have been cancelled.

The Office Action dated June 22, 2006, has been received and carefully reviewed. In that Office Action, claims 1 and 4-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sakagami, and claims 10-22 were allowed.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 102(b)

Claims 1, 2 and 4-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sakagami. By the above amendment, these claims have been cancelled without prejudice leaving only allowed claims 10-22 pending. As no further rejections remain to be addressed, the allowance of the present application is earnestly solicited.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

An information disclosure statement was filed on January 5, 2006. As noted in the previous Reply, an initialed copy of the form PTO SB-08 from that Office Action was not attached to the March 14, 2006, Office Action to show that the submitted reference was considered. On June 8, 2006, Applicant requested the examiner return an initialed copy of the form PTO SB-08, but an initialed copy of the form was not attached to the June 22, 2006, Office Action. *It is again respectfully requested that an initialed copy of the form SB-08 from the January 5, 2006, IDS be returned with the next communication to show that the reference listed thereon was considered.*

CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Scott Wakeman (Reg. No. 37,750) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

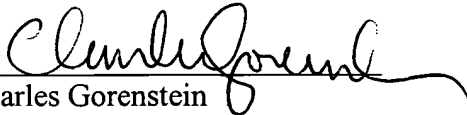
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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